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WHAT'S NEW

2003 FARS Numbers Released

The early assessment of the 2003 FARS numbers has been released. The initial reports show an increase in fatalities to 43,220 from 42,815 in 2002. You can see a NHTSA press release at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/press/pressdisplay.cfm?year=2004&filename=FFARSrls404.html>

States Implementing the AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Over 30 States are participating in the development and implementation of State Comprehensive Highway Safety Plans and/or emphasis area Implementation Guides. These activities are part of the implementation of the *AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan* and achieving a national fatality of rate of 1.0 death per 100 million VMT (vehicle miles traveled) by 2008.

On May 11-12, 2004, a peer-to-peer exchange will be held for the States implementing one or more of the Guides. The purpose is to share information on States' accomplishments, solutions to problems, and key actions needed. The Guides offer a mix of strategies to reduce deaths and injuries in emphasis areas. See page 6 of the *FHWA Safety Resources* section of the newsletter for more details.

A peer-to-peer exchange for the States developing and implementing their own Comprehensive Highway Safety Plans will be conducted in September 2004.

A bi-monthly newsletter, *Lifelines*, on the implementation of the *AASHTO Strategic Highway Safety Plan* is available at <http://safety.transportation.org>

Safer Journey Interactive Bicycle Safety Awareness CD-ROM, FHWA-SA-03-013

This is a *new* interactive CD (English/Spanish) that takes the user through various bicycle safety scenarios encountered every day across America. It has been developed to improve the level of bicycle knowledge for all road users and safety practitioners. The CD can be ordered at: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/walk/order/order3.htm>

A Review of Pedestrian Safety Research in the United States and Abroad

New FHWA report examines pedestrian safety in the United States and abroad. The report includes information on pedestrian crash characteristics, measures of pedestrian exposure and hazard, and



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specific roadway features and their effects on pedestrian safety. Such features include crosswalks and alternative crossing treatments, signalization, provisions for pedestrians with disabilities, bus stop location, school crossing measures, reflectorization and conspicuity, grade-separated crossings, traffic-calming measures, and sidewalks and paths. Contact Ann Do at 202-493-3319 for more information.

Accessible Sidewalks and Street Crossings: On the Safe Side, FHWA-SA-03-017

This is a *newly* released poster-sized brochure that condenses much of the information in the *Part 2: Designing Sidewalks and Trails for Access: Best Practices Design Guide*. One side of the poster has information on the legal framework for the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, understanding sidewalk users, sidewalk corridors, sidewalk grades and cross slopes, sidewalk surfaces, protruding objects in the pedestrian environment, driveway crossings, curb ramps, accessible pedestrian signals, and pedestrian crossings. Much of the second side of the brochure contains a map that demonstrates how various ADA treatments look in the roadway environment. And for those who prefer a booklet format rather than a poster, there is [Accessible Sidewalks and Street Crossings: an Informational Guide \(FHWA-SA-03-019\)](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/walk/order/order3.htm), which has all of the information as the poster sized document, but without the map. The booklet is 40 pages long spiral-bound. Both can be ordered at: <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/walk/order/order3.htm>

Intersection Safety Issue Briefs

This is a *new* series of *Issue Briefs* on various intersection safety-related topics. The briefs are primarily for traffic engineers and transportation and safety professionals.

The topics included within the kit includes:

The National Intersection Safety Problem	Pedestrian Safety
Traffic Control Devices: Uses and Misuses	Older Drivers
Stop Signs	ADA Considerations at Intersections
Signals	Human Factors
Engineering Countermeasures to Reduce Red	Access Management
Light Running	Roundabouts
Red-Light Cameras	Road Safety Audits
Intersection Safety Countermeasures	Work Zones Resources

Printed Copies of the *Intersection Safety Issue Briefs* can be obtained by contacting Hari Kalla at 202-366-5915 or hari.kalla@fhwa.dot.gov. The briefs will also be posted to the Safety Web Site <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov>



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New Comprehensive Intersection Resource Library CD-ROM, FHWA-SA-04-002

This is a compilation of resources about traditional signalized and un-signalized intersections, roundabouts, highway/rail grade crossings, and other nontraditional intersection designs. Contact Hari Kalla at 202-366-5915 or hari.kalla@fhwa.dot.gov.

Signalized Intersections: Informational Guide, FHWA-HRT-04-091

Available in Fall 2004 – A comprehensive guide that provides methods for evaluating the safety and operations of signalized intersections and tools to remedy deficiencies. The information contained in this guide is based on the latest research available.

Copies will be distributed to all FHWA Divisions and Resource Center locations.

Copies may also be obtained from the FHWA Report Center by e-mail to report.center@fhwa.dot.gov or by fax to 301-577-1421, by phone to 301-577-0818 or on-line at www.tfhr.gov/safety/intersect.htm. Contact Joe Bared, 202-493-3314.

Saving Lives – A Vital Goal

Vision: Improving Transportation for a Strong America.

Goal: To continually improve highway safety by reducing the number of highway fatalities and injuries including large trucks. Ensuring safe travel on highways is a guiding principle throughout the FHWA.

Focus: High-risk areas through technical assistance, research, training, data analysis, and public information as well as through compliance and education. The FHWA is working with safety partners to heighten safety awareness within the highway community, business, industry, and the Public.

Top Priorities: Roadway Departure, Intersections, and Pedestrians

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EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Dates	Location	Event
2004		
May 11 – 12	Vienna, VA	Lead State Workshop
May 17-19	Madison, WI	University of Wisconsin, National Highway Visibility (NHV) Conference http://knowledge.fhwa.dot.gov/nhv
June 7 – 10	San Antonio, TX	FHWA Technology, Innovation & Safety Deployment Conference
June 8 - 11	Monterey, CA	International Association of Chiefs of Police Mid-year Highway Safety Committee Meeting http://iacp.expoexchange.com/
July 25 - 29	Nashville, TN	Traffic Records Forum http://www.nsc.org/trafficrecordsforum/
July 31 - Aug. 4	Bernalillo, NM	National LTAP Meeting http://www.ltapt2.org/
August 1 - 4	Lake Buena Vista, FL	ITE Annual Meeting & Exhibit http://www.ite.org/
August 28 - September 3	Nationwide	National Stop on Red Week http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov
September 10 - 17	New Orleans, LA	National Safety Council Annual Congress & Expo http://www.nsc.org/
September 12 – 15	Detroit, MI	North American Conference on Elderly Mobility www.tiami.org
September 12 - 15	Atlanta, GA	American Public Works Association (APWA) http://www.apwa.net/
September 16 - 21	Philadelphia, PA	AASHTO Annual Meeting www.aashto.org



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September 26 - 29	Honolulu, HI	Governors Highway Safety Association www.statehighwaysafety.org
October 10	Nationwide	Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day www.brakesonfatalities.org
November 13 - 17	Los Angeles, CA	International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference http://iacp.expoexchange.com/

For more information on FHWA Safety Programs and Resources

Visit our website at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov>